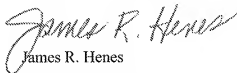


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-8 and 10-18 which had been rejected, and now only allowable Claims 9 and 19-24 remain pending.

In view of the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully requests that his amendments be entered and submits that his Claims 9 and 19-24 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 9 and 19-24 be reconsidered and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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